

**CITY OF MIAMI BEACH**  
**Office of the City Manager**  
**Letter to Commission No. 219-2004**



**To:** Mayor David Dermer and  
Members of the City Commission

**Date:** August 11, 2004

**From:** Jorge M. Gonzalez  
City Manager

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**Subject: CIP PROJECTS**

Attached please find collateral pieces developed by the CIP Office for both the Washington Avenue and Lummus Park Projects. This information was provided to business and residential interests in both areas to proactively address "Frequently Asked Questions".

This information is also available in print and on the City's website. Should you be interested, additional hard copies are available through the CIP Office.

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## Project Description and Frequently Asked Questions

This August, the City of Miami Beach Capital Improvement Projects (CIP) Office will begin the Lummus Park Improvement Project in Lummus Park between 5<sup>th</sup> Street and 14<sup>th</sup> Lane. In order to minimize construction time, the Project will be divided into 2 phases which will be constructed separately but may both be under construction at the same time for brief periods of time. Phase One consists of general improvements to the Park including widening the sidewalk along Ocean Drive to 10 feet, creating semi-circular plazas on the east side of Ocean Drive at each numbered street, replacing the curb along the east side of Ocean Drive, and miscellaneous landscaping, irrigation, and site furniture improvements. Phase Two consists of the replacement of the 14<sup>th</sup> Street restroom. Work on Phase One will commence in August 2004 at 5<sup>th</sup> Street and move northward. Phase Two is expected to begin in October 2004.

### **Q. What is the scope of this Project?**

A. The Project generally consists of the design, permitting and construction of the following improvements:

- Increase sidewalk width from 5 feet to 10 feet from 5<sup>th</sup> Street to 14 Lane with the exception of the area in front of the 10<sup>th</sup> Street Auditorium
- Construct semi-circular plazas at street ends
- Curb / gutter replacement
- Irrigation system relocation
- Utility/manhole relocation
- 14<sup>th</sup> Street restroom facilities upgrade (replacement)
- Electrical and plumbing upgrades
- Landscaping

Following the completion Phase One of the Project, the Public Works Department will follow up with the complete asphalt milling / resurfacing of the Ocean Drive corridor from 5th Street to 14th Lane.

### **Q. How was the contractor for this Project selected?**

A. It should be noted that the selection of F&L Contracting was secured through the City's Job Order Contracting (JOC) system. A JOC is a competitive bid resulting in a firm fixed price construction contract, pursuant to which the contractor will perform a variety of work at different project locations.

### **Q. What is the total project budget?**

A. The total project budget is \$1,000,000.

### **Q. How long is the construction period?**

A. Construction of the project will be implemented in a phased approach. The sidewalk portion of the Project will commence in August 2004 at 5<sup>th</sup> Street. Project work will move northward in 2 block increments until November, 2004, at which time the project will be placed on hold for the duration of the 2004-2005 season. It is expected that the contractor will be able to complete the first half of the sidewalk work to the 10<sup>th</sup> Street Auditorium by this time. If the contractor is able to complete the entire sidewalk portion of the project (to 14<sup>th</sup> Lane) by the November timeline he will do so. Otherwise, he will demobilize and remobilize to the site in April 2005 to complete the sidewalk portion.

The Contractor will be working in two (2) block increments and street ends will be kept open at all times to maintain access to the beach and park. There will be no sidewalk access and no parking within the 2 block construction zone; pedestrians will be routed to the west side of the street or to the serpentine sidewalk on the east side of the park.

The restroom facility replacement is expected to commence in October 2004 and proceed for a duration of 12-14 months. The restroom facility portion, however, will be fairly unobtrusive, as the work zone will be surrounded by a privacy fence and dust barriers to hide the construction progress from the outside.

The construction initiation dates are dependent upon the receipt of all applicable building permits. Upon receipt of the required permits, construction will be initiated.

**Q. What is a Work Zone?**

A. The work zone will consist of a 2 block section of sidewalk replacement. The work zone will extend from the parking lane to a distance of approximately 25 feet into the park.

**Q. Will I still be able to maintain my valet parking operations?**

A. Yes

**Q. Will my sidewalk café operations be affected?**

A. The CIP Office strives to minimize all inconveniences associated with construction. However, motorists, area businesses and residents may experience some inconveniences while improvements are underway. Construction sites do affect surrounding properties. Heavy equipment will be used and there will be noise, vibration and dust emanating from the construction site. We will take all possible precautions, including the use of privacy fences with dust barriers and spraying of water on the concrete during cutting activities to minimize the effects. However, construction is a messy business and there will be instances of loud noises, vibrations and dust.

**Q. What work days and hours will the contractor work?**

A. The contractor's normal business hours will be 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday.

**Q. Will this project affect the corridor during the upcoming tourist season?**

A. Phase One work is scheduled to begin in August 2004 and be completed by the end of November. Phase Two work on the restroom facilities will proceed during the tourist season.

**Q. Who will maintain the new landscaping / trees installed in the sidewalk areas?**

A. The construction contractor will be required to maintain the installed landscaping until project acceptance by the City. After that date, the City will assume day to day maintenance responsibilities and the City will trim the trees on a periodic basis. The Parks Department will maintain the landscaping within the Park with the exception of the 2 block work zone.

**Q. Where can I get more information about this project?**

A. Contact the CIP Office Community Information Manager at (305) 673-7071.